

Remarks/Arguments

Eighteen (18) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 1-7 and 10-20, of which Claims 1 and 10 are independent. Claims 17 and 20 have been amended to correct antecedent problems pointed out by the Examiner. Claims 17 and 18 depend from Claims 1 and 10, respectively, Claim 19 depends from Claim 1, and Claim 20 depends from Claim 19. Because each of Claims 17-20 depend from one of pending claims 1 and 10, which correspond with the original election, it is submitted that Claims 17-20 also correspond with the original election. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims, in view of this amendment and of the amendment filed on 3-31-2008.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections should be removed and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An indication of allowability of Claims 1-7 and 10-20 at an early date is thus earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Liz Bush, at (661) 362-7504 should any issues remain after consideration and entry of this response, in order to permit early resolution of such issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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